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THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

**2 PETER CHAPTER 3:10-13**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“The End”**

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

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**2 Peter 3:10-13**

But **the day of the Lord** will come as a **thief in the night**, in which the **heavens** will pass away with a great noise, and the **elements** will melt with **fervent** heat; both the **earth** and the **works** that are in it will be **burned up**.

**11 Therefore**, since all these things will be **dissolved**, what **manner of persons** ought you to be in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,

**12 looking for** and **hastening the coming of the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be **dissolved**, being **on fire**, and the **elements** will melt with **fervent** heat?

**13 Nevertheless** we, according to **His promise**, look for **new heavens** and a **new earth** in which **righteousness dwells**.

**The Gospel – A Time Machine**

**1 Corinthians 15:3**

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

The Sum Total of all Truth  
is to LEAD US TO THIS ACTION,

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“that the chief end of man is to glorify God  
and to enjoy Him forever.”

### **The Ministry of Jesus Christ and His Rule Over Time and Space**

**Luke 4:16-17 / Isaiah 61:1-2a**

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written... **(Isaiah) 61:1-2a**  
*“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2a To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,*

**Isaiah 61:2b-3**

And the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

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that comma, like a great Dam holding back the raging waters has held firm for 2,000 years the coming wrath of Almighty God.

### **The Great Heart of the Living God is Thus;**

**2 Peter 3:8-9**

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord **one day** is as a **thousand years**, and a **thousand years** as **one day**. **9** The Lord is not **slack** concerning His promise, as some **count slackness**, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that **any** should perish but that **ALL** should **come to repentance**.

**Peter now will reveal to us what is coming to this world**  
and that which cannot, will not, must not be avoided.

**Don't get me wrong it cannot be avoided but it can be prepared for. There is a profound seriousness to what is before us.**

And there is a passionate plea from Peter;  
A crying out to all who will hear - that we must make sure that we are not **"Almost a Christian"**

**The danger of being near to God but not with God.**

The danger of believing "about" God – yet having no faith "in" God.

**What does the bible mean when it talks about the end,**  
or the last days or the end times – the end of days?

**Peter, {with a broad brush} paints for us the doctrine**  
of the judgment of Almighty God that is owed to this world.

Peter will from 30,000 ft. **(1)** fly over the events of the tribulation, and **(2)** of the cataclysmic events of the Second Coming of Christ to earth, and **(3)** to the end of this physical universe as we have known it and **(4)** and finally, what happens at the conclusion of Christ's millennial reign.

## **The End**

1.) You know The End is coming

vs. 10

**:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**

**God says that He deals in "Days".**

We would call them epochs or **dispensations**, times or episodes.

"The day of His grace will at some point in time, in the not too distant future - come to an end and when it does, there will be the grand conclusion when **The Day of the Lord** and of Christ and of God will come upon the stage."

**- H.A. Ironside**

## This is the **Day of the Lord**.

### **Zephaniah 1:14**

The great **day of the LORD** is near; It is near and hastens quickly.  
The noise of **the day of the LORD** is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.

### **Amos 5:20**

Is not **the day of the LORD** darkness, and not light?

### **Joel 3:14**

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!  
For **the day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision.

## There is the **Day of Christ**

### **Philippians 1:6,10**

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you  
will complete it until **the day of Jesus Christ**,  
**10** that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere  
and without offense till **the day of Christ**,

### **Philippians 2:16**

holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice **in the day of Christ** that I  
have not run in vain or labored in vain.

### **1 Corinthians 1:8**

who will also confirm you to **the end**, that you may be blameless  
in **the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

## There is also the **Day of God**

### **2 Peter 3:12**

Looking for and hastening **the coming of the day of God**, because  
of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the  
elements will melt with fervent heat?

## **You Know The End Is Coming**

### The End

1a.) The End is a superimposed reality

vs. 10a

**:10a** But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night,

**In no way should we be surprised by this reality.  
Chronos (Time) by Nature and by Observation is coming to  
end. The Sciences Demand That Everything Studied  
Must by Nature Come to an End.**

**The burn rate of the sun per second.**

( 5 million tons of hydrogen per second )

**The human death rate per hour in the world**

( 11,000 people every 60 minutes. )

**The volume of water flowing over the great Niagara falls.**

( 6 million cubic Feet every 60 Seconds )

### **What is this “the day of the Lord”**

#### **Malachi 4:1-2**

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. and the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.

**2 But to you** who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings;

**But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,**

**It “will come” and it will come “as a thief in the night”**

**Wait a minute. I just read this. I just saw this. I now know this.**

#### **To the Church at Sardis**

#### **Revelation 3:3**

Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

#### **Matthew 24:42-44**

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

## You Know The End Is Coming

### The End

1b.) The End is an observable finality

vs. 10b

:10b in which the **heavens** will pass away with a great noise, and the **elements** will melt with **fervent** heat;

**“The heavens** (not His heaven) **will pass away”**

**This world that is now. This “as is” world will expire.**

**#1**

**We need to remember that the world that was pre-fall was a very different environment from the world that was post-fall. ( things began to die )**

**#2**

**And we need to remember that the world that was pre-flood was different from the world that was post-flood.**

**#3**

**Thus, we need to remember that the world that is ours, is a post-fall, post-flood world and it is very different from the world that is coming.**

### 2 Peter 3:6-7

by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now

### Acts 3:20-21

and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

## Watch For It:

**This is one of the many proofs that the Bible has been authored by a non-human source.**

( it has come to us from a reality that is not ours )

#1 - “with a great noise”

#2 - “and the elements will melt”

#3 - “with fervent heat”

## You Know The End Is Coming

The End

1c.) The End is a needed judgment

vs. 10c

:10c both the **earth** and the **works** that are in it  
will be **burned up**.

**“both the elements”**  
**“will be burned up”**

**“and the works”**  
**“will be burned up”**

## All That is Wrong will Perish in His Perfect Wrath

Works = meaning all. Anything of Every human being that has ever been planned, achieved, performed, built, or invented. All of it - will be consumed in His coming fire.

**This verse demands that:** the will of man be stacked up against or exposed to the will of God. The Issue is – Did I, in my life, seek to find out what the will of God was for me (my purpose for living) and did I live for that will or did I live for my own will, my own purpose?

## Does The Following Sound Harsh to You?

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Isaiah 64:1-4

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— 2 As fire burns woodlands, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

Isaiah 66:16

For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Galatians 5:16-21 NLT

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. :19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:3-7 NLT

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. :6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7 Don't participate in the things these people do.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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